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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS AND WASTE**

and invented by:

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 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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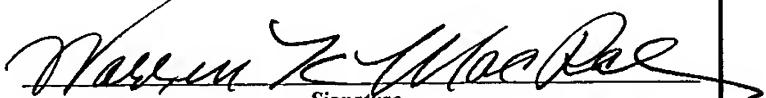
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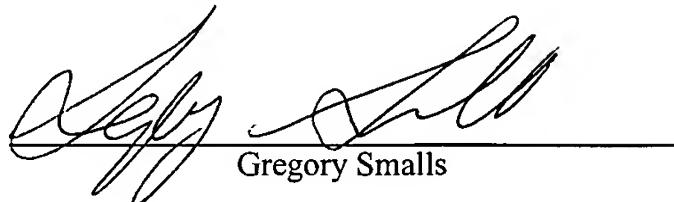
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